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**COUNTY EXAMINATIONS:** The second semester examinations will be held during the week of May 6 to 12 and the following subjects will be tested.

EIGHTH GRADE:

Arithmetic

SEVENTH GRADE

Arithmetic & Social  
Studies

SIXTH GRADE

Arithmetic

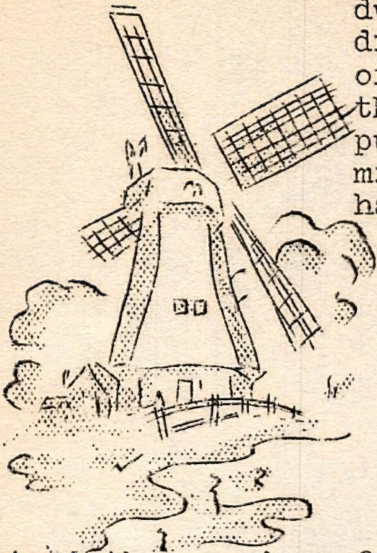
**VACANCIES:** Those teachers not intending to remain in their present positions for next year, please let us know, so that other teachers may be given an opportunity to apply. It must be remembered that we do not fill vacancies, but on many occasions school boards come to us for recommendations.

**LIBRARY ORDERS:** The library order blanks will be sent to you soon and they must be in our office by Saturday, April 17.

**RED CROSS:** "Let us through our American Junior Red Cross build up a common defense based upon friendship and mutual understanding with all. On the youth of the world the peace of the future must rest, not on a few, but on all working together for a common end."

**ON HITCHING YOUR WAGON TO STAR:** "An unknown writer has suggested that one of the secrets of success is to "expect great things tomorrow." The successful life is the life of "Great





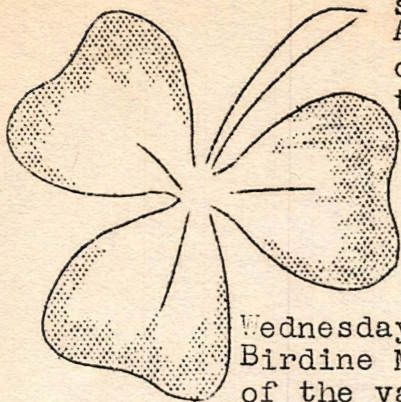
Expectations". The cramped and dwarfed life reflects petty hopes and dreams. The unmistakable testimony of life is that we tend to get the things we expect. As John Burroughs puts it: "If you have a thing in mind, it is not long before you have it in hand." The only hopes are likely to be realized are those which express our "dominant desires."

If we marvel that Bismarck was able to accomplish the seemingly impossible task of amalgamating the German empire, then let us recall that the hope of a union of the German states was to such an extent the passion of his life that he shouted: "You may hang me, so long as the rope you do it with binds Germany to the Prussian throne." His dreams, his desires had gathered together the scattered faculties of his being and garbed them in the apron of the servant, awaiting the will of their master.

The future of our lives is not in the palms of our hands. If we wish to peer into the unknown future, the only key that will unlock the door is our thought life. It is at the center of our ideals and affections that we are moulding the weapons that will make or undo our characters. It is not certain that we shall ever achieve our ideals. It is certain that we shall never rise above them. Like the hero in Hawthorne's "The Great Stone Face", we shall gradually be moulded into the form of our dreams. That law is as inexorable as the law of gravitation.

There are times, then, when we should judge ourselves not by what we are, but by what we would like to be. The man who doesn't care whether he ever bats very high in the game of life is a self-confessed failure, but he who dreams of the day when his batting average will be one thousand percent, is on the way to success. Then let us dream big dreams and cherish noble ambitions; in a word, hitch all our powers to





some beautiful star of hope.  
And some day the marshalled host  
of our imagination will come  
trooping before us in flesh and  
blood reality.--Howard L. Orrians.

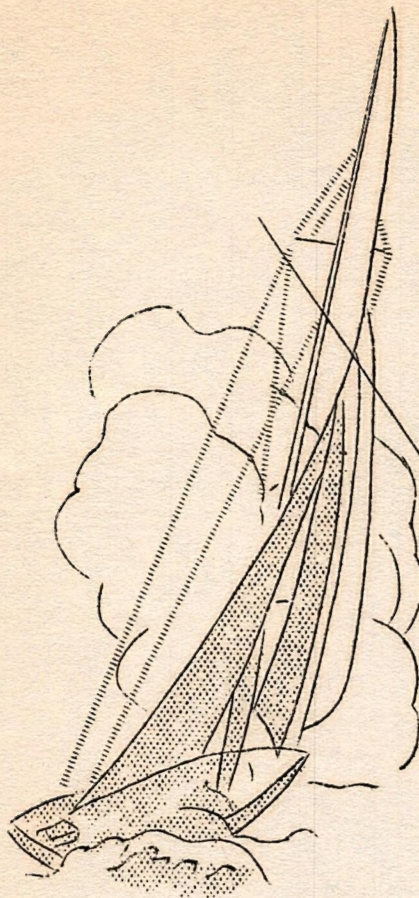
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE O.S.T.A: REPORT  
OF CLATSOP COUNTY DELEGATES: The  
meeting of the Executive Council  
was called to order at 10 o'clock  
Wednesday, Dec. 27 by the president, Miss  
Birdine Merrill, of Portland. The reports  
of the various committees were given and  
discussion followed. Legislation for school benefits  
including a floor discussion regarding the possibilities  
of procuring a higher percentage of state support for  
the schools of Oregon, was a topic of much interest.  
During the discussion it was suggested that the committee  
follow closely the action of various Agricultural organiza-  
tions as to said legislation and perhaps align themselves  
with these groups. A report as to the various taxable  
commodities which are usually sources of revenue was also  
one of the high points of the discussion. A source  
given as a possibility for future taxation was that of  
the mining industry.

Recommendations for changes in the OSTA were given by  
H. B. Ferrin of Cottage Grove. While some of the sug-  
gestions met with decided disapproval, there seemed to  
be some very timely and logical items. That of the  
time of meeting for Executive Council and the expense of  
representatives to such Council seemed extremely perti-  
nent. Action was taken to refer this set of recommenda-  
tions to a committee until next year.

The assembly singing led by Dr. Poling was indeed an  
inspiration. The address by Governor Sprague followed  
the invocation and was perhaps a little discomfitting  
to those who planned the the convention as there was a  
slight implication that if educators would take care of  
teaching, the politicians would take care of democracy.

The principal speaker of the convention, Dr. Carl Sum-  
ner Knopf, of UCLA, was indeed one who was appreciated  
by his audience. His background and experience as well  
as his very direct and understandable manner of speak-  
ing, won the admiration and respect of his audience.





Mrs. Williams, conducted a session on Reading Activities in the classroom. She stressed the futility on confining our means of teaching reading to any particular method, whether or not it be currently advocated. The idea that we should use what ever method or methods by which the child can best learn to read was a point which she definitely stressed.

Coordinated studies in reading, discussed by Dr. August Dvorak, was a conference of value to those connected with school testing programs. Much research had gone into this discussion as is evidenced by Dr. Dvorak's collaboration with Dr. Van Vangenan, of U. of Minn., in a comprehensive test set.

Dexter M. Keezer's discussion of the Function of Social Studies in Democracy was an analytical presentation of the problem teachers face in teaching Social Studies in a changing political world.

SCHOOL PASTE: Dissolve one ounce of alum in a quart of warm water. When the solution is cold, add enough flour to make the mixture the consistency of cream. Stir in a teaspoonful of powdered resin and three drops of oil of cloves. Boil until the mixture has the consistency of mush. This paste will keep a year without souring.

CARE OF BLACKBOARDS: "Blackboards should not be washed or cleansed with coal oil or other liquids if you expect them to give good service without becoming shiny. Chalk is a finely ground clay rock, held together with glue. When water is applied to the blackboard to clean it, the glue is partly dissolved and a thin film of glue is spread over the board. Soon the board will not take the crayon well and reflects light to such an extent that writing may be seen only from directly in front. Application of oil has very much the same effect. Chalk on the board should be removed with a piece of porous cloth, cheesecloth is good; kept absolutely dry."



CLATSOP COUNTY 4-H CLUB WORK; 4-H Club enrollment in Clatsop County last year totaled 357 members, with 512 projects enrolled.

Forty-one club members attended the annual 4-H summer school in Corvallis. Most of these 4-H members were sent on scholarships earned at the County and State Fairs. Others were sent by Granges, Parent-Teacher Associations, Women's Clubs, and other service organizations. A number of 4-H Club organizations sponsored scholarships to send their own members to summer school.

This feature of the 4-H club program in Clatsop County is important and is supported by all communities and organizations throughout the County. Clatsop County has never had the largest delegation at summer school, but for the last number of years it has led in percentage of enrollment attending.

At the County Club Fair a large number of exhibits were made, especially in the divisions of Clothing and Cookery by the girls and in Dairy and Forestry by the boys. This fair was of two days duration and each evening a program was arranged. The first evening various service clubs in Astoria put on the program.

The second evening's program was put on by the 4-H members including musical entertainment, style review, and featuring colored moving pictures of local interest.

4-H exhibits were sent to the State Fair including Dairy, Vegetable gardening, Cookery, Canning, Clothing in various divisions, Style review, Room Improvement, Home Making, Dairy record keeping, and Rabbits. Ten dairy animals were exhibited by 4-H Club members. All animals exhibited placed among the high ten in their class. Betty Lottman, of Svensen, exhibiting Jerseys, took first and Grand Champion of the 4-H Club show. Wilma Lottman of Svensen, also exhibiting Jerseys, placed high with all her animals and placed first in Dairy Record Keeping. Of the six vegetable exhibits, four placed in the high ten. All exhibits in Clothing and Cooking placed in the high ten. The Room Improvement projects placed first, second and fourth. In the Style Review, all girls placed--Joan Howell, of Walluski, placed first in her division.



The placings at our County Fair and at the State Fair indicate that the Club work done this past year was of the highest quality performed by Club members in this county for a number of years.

Over a year ago some interest was shown by the 4-H Club Leaders and other groups throughout the County in getting assistance for the Extension Agent in order that a larger 4-H Club program could be carried in this County. A resolution was presented to the State College and County Court. The County Court favored the move, and the county was assured the cooperation from the State and Federal Funds by the State Extension office. On January 15, Don Jossy was appointed County Club Agent. His most important duty will be to supervise all the 4-H Club work in Clatsop County. Plans are under way now to increase the enrollment and carry to completion more projects; to improve the quality of work; increase participation in the County and State Fairs; increase summer school attendance and improve the 4-H Local Leaders' Organization. DON JOSSY, County Club Agent.

MY TASK: I bear the torch that enlightens the world, fires the imagination of man, feeds the flame of genius. I give wings to dreams and might to hand and brain. From out of the deep shadows of the past I come, wearing the scars of struggle and the stripes of toil, but bearing in triumph the wisdom of all ages. Man, because of me, holds dominion over earth, air and sea; it is for him I leash the lightning, plumb the deep, and shackle the ether. I am the parent of progress, creator of culture, molder of destiny. Philosophy, science, and art are the works of my hand. I banish ignorance, discourage vice, disarm anarchy. Thus have I become freedom's citadel, the arm of democracy, the hope of youth, the pride of adolescence, the joy of age. Fortunate the nations and happy the homes that welcome me. The school is my worship; here I stir ambitions, stimulate ideals, forge the keys that open the door to opportunity. I am the source of inspiration; the aid of aspiration. I AM IRRESTIBLE POWER. I AM EDUCATION.

"The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none."--Carlyle





The following letter was received from the office of the State Dept. of Education, and is self-explanatory.

"On November 16, 1939, a Federal Grand Jury convened at Aberdeen, South Dakota, returned an indictment against Wm. Taylor and A. Douglas Stover who were charged with using the mails to defraud. These men operated the National Educational Service, 406 Law Bldg., Kansas City, Missouri, and the Teachers' Service Bureau, 321 South Phillips Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and engaged in selling instruction aids covering work in phonics, art construction map studies and examination plans to teachers in grade schools. They operated with salesmen and usually obtained from \$3.00 to \$10 for the service which was to have been furnished each month for a period of nine months. The service was not delivered and consequently approximately 700 teachers were defrauded in a total sum of about \$4,000.

Messrs. Taylor and Stover are fugitives from Justice and the U. S. Marshall, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, holds warrants for their arrest. It is known that Taylor is somewhere in the South and it is believed that both he and Stover will return to the same line of work. Possibly at the present time they are defrauding teachers in your State. It is believed that you will be interested in bringing these men to justice and their descriptions are given below:

William Stover (Taylor): Height 5' 6", age 40, heavy build with pouch belly, high forehead, straight black hair beginning to thin near front, rather dissipated with pouches under eyes. Drives Mercury automobile with 1939 North Dakota license number 118-392.

A. Douglas Stover: Nationality, American, age 27; height 6'; weight 159 pounds; build, medium; chestnut hair; hazel eyes; fair complexion; scar over right eye near hair line....."

YOU MUST HAVE TAUGHT AT LEAST 160 DAYS at the end of the school year, which is required by law.





## CALENDAR

Essays due	April 6
Library orders	April 17
Poppy Posters	April 27
Examinations	May 6-10
Music Festival	May 10
Children's Book	
League Reports	July 1

On March 26th to 30th inclusive, Miss Clara Trotter of the Oregon College of Education will visit the teachers in our county of one and two years teaching experience, and on Saturday, the 30th, we will have a general meeting of all the teachers in our office at 10 o'clock, at which time Miss Trotter will give a general assembly address and discuss any problems you may have.

RECIPE FOR FINGER PAINT:  $\frac{1}{2}$  box starch (corn starch), 1 qt. boiling water,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups soap flakes,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tablespoon easel paint or calcimine,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup talc. may be added, but is not necessary. Mix starch in cold water to make paste, add boiling water and cook until glossy. Stir while cooking. Add talc and cool. After cooling, add soap flakes and stir until flakes are evenly distributed. Put in jars and add color as need for use.

RECORDS: It is of utmost importance and necessity that the permanent record cards and any other records be complete and correct in every detail. We would advise all teachers when filling in the necessary details on the permanent record cards, especially the place and date of birth, that they be very careful as we do have to make several certifications as to the birth date of a child. On one occasion we were called upon to make a certification and found that the birth date was incorrect. Please be careful in filling out any records.

BE SURE THAT THE SPELLING AND ARITHMETIC TEST RESULTS ARE SENT TO THIS OFFICE.

For all your days prepare,  
And meet them ever alike:  
When you are the anvil, bear--  
When you are the hammer, strike.  
--Edwin Markham--





MUSIC FESTIVAL; Instructions regarding the Music Festival have been sent to you, and if you are in doubt as to any part of them, we will be glad to help you.

NEW PURCHASE: We have just purchased the set of three phonograph records, THEN CAME WAR: 1939, In a brief introduction Mr. Elmer Davis gives the necessary background of events of 1918 to 1938 (Part 1), and as narrator he carries the story to August 1939 (Part 2). Beginning with Part 3 is the chronological day-by-day drama of those tragic days, August 23 to September 3, 1939. Excerpts from broadcast addresses of Hitler, Chamberlain, and Daladier, are recorded also.

These records may be loaned from our office.

I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU

Wouldn't this old world be better  
If folks we meet would say,  
"I know something good about you!"  
And then treat us that way?  
Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,  
If each hand clasp warm and true  
Carried with it this assurance,  
"I know something good about you!"?  
Wouldn't life be lots more happy,  
If the good that's in us all  
Were the only thing about us  
That folks bothered to recall?  
Wouldn't life be lots more happy,  
If we praised the good we see?  
For there's such a lot of goodness  
In the worst of you and me.  
Wouldn't it be great to practice  
That fine way of thinking too?  
You know something good about me!  
I know something good about you!

--Author Unknown--

ANNE LEWIS  
County School Supt.



